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Your Excellencies,

Honourable Presidents,

Honourable Chair,

We, the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) and the Austrian Association of Administrative Judges (VRV), wish to express our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy following the tragic incident at the Court of Appeal in Tirana, in which a member of the judiciary lost his life and several others were injured.

We are profoundly shocked by this act of violence, which strikes at the heart of the judiciary and undermines the tireless efforts of the Albanian justice system to strengthen the rule of law, safeguard judicial independence, and build public confidence in democratic institutions.

Only last week, an Austrian delegation had the opportunity to visit Tirana and witness the remarkable progress made by the Albanian judiciary in recent years. This tragic event is therefore felt even more deeply, as it affects colleagues and institutions with whom we have recently shared a spirit of openness, professionalism, and mutual respect.

In these difficult times, we stand side by side with our Albanian colleagues, sharing your grief and expressing our full support as you continue your vital mission of upholding justice and the rule of law under such challenging circumstances.

Both our associations remain firmly committed to supporting all initiatives that reinforce the independence, integrity, and security of judges, and to upholding the values that unite Europe's judicial community.

Please accept our deepest sympathy, our solidarity, and the assurance of our full support for the Albanian judiciary.

With sincere condolences,

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